

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A filtration system comprising:
a chamber that includes a hydraulic loading area extending across the entire chamber, the hydraulic loading area being divided into a plurality of cells with smaller hydraulic loading areas; and
filter media positioned in each of the cells to filter water passing through the cells.
2. (Currently Amended) The filtration system of claim 1 wherein the water is unable to flow between cells as the water passes through the microbeads filter media.
3. (Original) The filtration system of claim 1 wherein the filter media is spherical microbeads with diameters between 1mm and 3mm.
4. (Original) The filtration system of claim 3 wherein the microbeads have a density that is between 8 kg/cubic meter and 48 kg/cubic meter.
5. (Currently Amended) The filtration system of claim 1 wherein the filter media is microbeads, the microbeads within each cell have having a depth between 15 cm and 60 cm.
6. (Original) The filtration system of claim 1 wherein the chamber has a rectangularly-shaped hydraulic loading area as water passes through the filer media and each cell has a square-shaped hydraulic loading area.
7. (Original) The filtration system of claim 1 wherein each cell has a hydraulic loading area less than 2.3 square meters.

8. (Currently Amended) A filtration system comprising:
a chamber that includes a hydraulic loading area divided into a plurality of cells such that each cell has a hydraulic loading area less than 2.3 square meters; and
microbeads positioned in each cell to filter water passing through the chamber, ~~the microbeads being spherical and having diameters between 1mm and 3mm.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The filtration system of claim 8 further comprising a plurality of nozzles positioned above the ~~filter media~~ microbeads within the chamber to supply water to each cell in the chamber.

10. (Original) The filtration system of claim 8 wherein the microbeads have a density that is between 8 kg/cubic meter and 48 kg/cubic meter and the microbeads within each cell have a depth that is between 15 cm and 60 cm.

11. (Original) The filtration system of claim 8 wherein the hydraulic loading area of the chamber is rectangularly-shaped and the hydraulic loading area of each cell is square-shaped.

12. (Original) The filtration system of claim 8 further comprising a receiving tank to receive water from the chamber.

13. (Original) The filtration system of claim 12 wherein the chamber is at least partially immersed in the receiving tank.

14. (Original) The filtration system of claim 8 wherein the water in each cell is isolated from the water in the other cells as the water flows through the microbeads.

Claims 15-36 (Canceled).

37. (New) The filtration system of claim 8 wherein the hydraulic loading area of the chamber is greater than 4.6 square meters.

38. (New) A filtration system comprising:

 a chamber that includes a hydraulic loading area divided into a plurality of cells with smaller hydraulic loading areas;

 microbeads positioned in each cell to filter water passing through the chamber; and.

 a water source positioned over the filter media within the chamber to drop water into each cell in the chamber.

39. (New) The filtration system of claim 38 wherein the microbeads within each cell have a depth that is between 15 cm and 60 cm.

40. (New) The filtration system of claim 38 wherein the water source is a plurality of nozzles.

41. (New) The filtration system of claim 38 further comprising a receiving tank to receive water from the chamber.

42. (New) The filtration system of claim 38 wherein the water in each cell is isolated from the water in the other cells as the water flows through the microbeads.